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2 CLAIMS.

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4 We claim:

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6 1. A composition for application to a fibrous cellulosic material, the composition  
7 consisting essentially of a triglyceride having a melting point greater than 120 degrees  
8 F, and being characterized by an iodine value between 0 and 30, the triglyceride  
9 comprising an oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, corn, cottonseed,  
10 rape, canola, sunflower, palm, palm kernel, coconut, cranbe, linseed and peanut, the  
11 composition applied in a quantity sufficient to render the cellulosic material resistant  
12 to water, the composition being dispersible in a warm aqueous solution.  
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14 2. The composition as described in claim 1, wherein the melting point preferably is  
15 between approximately 130 and 165 degrees F.  
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17 3. The composition as described in claim 2, wherein the melting point most preferably  
18 is between approximately 136 and 160 degrees F.  
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20 4. The composition as described in claim 2, wherein the composition is further  
21 characterized by having a viscosity of between 10 to 200 cps at a temperature of 140  
22 degrees F.  
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24 5. The composition as described in claim 4, wherein the triglyceride is preferably  
25 characterized by an iodine value between 0 and 10.  
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27 6. The composition as described in claim 5, wherein the triglyceride is most preferably  
28 characterized by an iodine value between approximately 2 and 5.  
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30 7. The composition as described in claim 5, wherein the triglyceride comprises a fatty  
31 acid, the fatty acid having between approximately 8 to 22 carbon atoms.  
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- 1 8. The composition as described in claim 7, wherein the fatty acid preferably is stearic  
2 acid.
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- 4 9. The composition as described in claim 4, further comprising one or more compounds  
5 chosen from the group consisting of paraffins, microcrystalline waxes, stearic acid,  
6 and oleic acid, and wherein the triglyceride comprises at least 50% of the  
7 composition.
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- 9 10. The composition as described in claim 9, further comprising one or more compounds  
10 chosen from the group consisting of dispersants and surfactants.
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- 12 11. The composition as described in claim 1, wherein the triglyceride is selected from the  
13 group consisting of animal fat, animal fat fractions, winterized low iodine value fat  
14 fractions, hydrogenated animal fat, stearine and soy stearine, and blends thereof.
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- 16 12. The composition as described in claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises  
17 a polymeric resin and a tackifier, thereby forming an adhesive for application to the  
18 fibrous cellulosic material.
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- 20 13. The composition as described in claim 12, wherein the tackifier is a rosin derivative  
21 selected from the group consisting of a rosin ester, hydrogenated rosin, and maleic  
22 modified rosin.
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- 24 14. The composition as described in claim 12, wherein the polymeric resin is ethylene or  
25 ethylene vinyl acetate.
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- 27 15. The composition as described in claim 12, wherein the fibrous cellulosic article is  
28 chosen from the group consisting of paper, kraft paper, corrugated paper and  
29 linerboard
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1 16. The composition as described in claim 1, wherein the triglyceride comprises between  
2 approximately 80 to 100% by weight of the composition.

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4 17. The composition as described in claim 2, wherein the triglyceride is characterized by  
5 having a saponification value of between approximately 150 mg/g KOH to 200  
6 mg/g/KOH.

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8 18. A method of treating a cellulosic article such that the treated article is resistant to  
9 water, the method comprising the steps of:

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11 heating a composition to a temperature sufficient to render the composition  
12 molten, the composition consisting essentially of a triglyceride having a melting  
13 point greater than 120 degrees F, and being characterized by an iodine value  
14 between 0 and 30, the triglyceride comprising an oil selected from the group  
15 consisting of soybean, corn, cottonseed, rape, canola, sunflower, palm, palm  
16 kernel, coconut, cranbe, linseed and peanut;

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18 applying to the cellulosic article a quantity of the molten composition sufficient to  
19 render the cellulosic article water resistant; and

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21 allowing the applied composition to solidify and form a coating, the coating being  
22 dispersible from the treated cellulosic article, when the treated cellulosic article is  
23 exposed to a warm, alkaline, aqueous solution.

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25 19. The method as described in claim 18, wherein the melting point of the composition  
26 preferably is between approximately 130 and 165 degrees F.

27 20. The method as described in claim 19, wherein the melting point of the composition  
28 most preferably is between approximately 136 and 160 degrees F.

- 1 21. The method as described in claim 19, wherein the composition is further  
2 characterized by having a viscosity of between 10 to 200 cps at a temperature of 140  
3 degrees F.  
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- 5 22. The method as described in claim 18, wherein the triglyceride is preferably  
6 characterized by an iodine value of between 0 and 10.  
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- 8 23. The method as described in claim 22, wherein the triglyceride is most preferably  
9 characterized by an iodine value between approximately 2 and 5.  
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- 11 24. The method as described in claim 19, wherein the triglyceride comprises a fatty acid,  
12 the fatty acid having between approximately 8 to 22 carbon atoms.  
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- 14 25. The method as described in claim 24, wherein the fatty acid preferably is stearic acid.  
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- 16 26. The method as described in claim 24, wherein the composition further comprises one  
17 or more compounds chosen from the group consisting of paraffins, microcrystalline  
18 waxes, stearic acid, and oleic acid, and wherein the triglyceride comprises at least  
19 50% of the composition.  
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- 21 27. The method as described in claim 26, wherein the composition further comprises one  
22 or more compounds chosen from the group consisting of dispersants and surfactants.  
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- 24 28. The method as described in claim 27, wherein the cellulosic article is chosen from  
25 the group consisting of paper, kraft paper, corrugated paper and linerboard.  
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- 27 29. A composition for application to a fibrous cellulosic material, the composition  
28 consisting essentially of a triglyceride having a melting point between 136-160  
29 degrees F, the triglyceride being characterized by having an iodine value of between 2  
30 and 5, the composition being characterized by a viscosity of between 10 to 200 cps at  
31 140 degrees F, wherein the triglyceride comprises a fatty acid, the fatty acid being

1        stearic acid, and wherein the triglyceride comprises an oil selected from the group  
2        consisting of palm and soybean oil, the composition applied in a quantity to render  
3        the cellulosic material resistant to water, the composition being dispersible in a warm  
4        aqueous solution..  
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